



Tormead *Prep*

Prep Newsletter



THURSDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Tormead Families,

Our week kicked off with an inspiring assembly led by Mrs Price. The focus was on the importance of resilience, a quality that we believe is fundamental for your daughters and is part of the whole school pastoral programme. Over the year pupils are encouraged through assemblies and activities to THRIVE. This is our umbrella term to both promote the values that we want to see in our pupils but is also a celebration of what we already offer within our pastoral care here at Tormead.

Together (community, friendship, kindness and support)

Health (physical, mental, self-care, habits)

Resilience (endurance, fortitude, making mistakes)

Inquisitive (curious, reflective, free-thinking)

Vision (leadership, confidence, goal-setting, hard work)

Enjoyment (active, outside, fun)

In sport this week, some girls competing have certainly displayed their ability to bounce back from challenges and setbacks and shown great resilience. This is evident in both Mrs Kemp's and Mr Patterson's sports reports. I am so proud of all of the girls' efforts; they have displayed great determination in the different sporting areas with all teams gaining greater experience of competitions. We await news



from the pool for our IAPS swimmers and the U11 gymnasts are to be congratulated on their win at the ISGA National Finals. Gracie was awarded the floor and vault individual champion. Good luck to our U10 team this Sunday.

On Tuesday, Tormead hosted the Quiz Club's General Knowledge first round. Pupils had been selected from Y3 to Y6 and we entered two teams. Tormead 1 were the runners up and Tormead 2 secured fifth position. Well done to all the girls who took part: Addie, Agnes, Adia, Ariana, Ava, Radost, Sukhi and Zara. We were very proud of each team's efforts!



This week we welcomed Ben Green to the Y2 teaching team as a teaching assistant. Mr Green is a fully qualified teacher and has worked in primary schools for 14 years. I asked Mr Green to write a short bio:

My name is Ben Green and I am married with two daughters, aged 5 and 8. They are incredibly creative and love pretending to be animals and playing with their hundreds of teddies! Our family will travel down to Cornwall, for the third year running, this summer as we love the sandy beaches and the milkshakes at the local café! Away from school, I enjoy playing and coaching hockey.

I have played at Staines Hockey Club for many years and also coach at Camberley Hockey Club. The highest level I reached as a player was playing in the National League in Plymouth. Since January, I have been coaching hockey in the Senior School at Tormead. I very much look forward to working with your daughters and meeting you in due course.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Nicki Fry
Head of Prep School

Reception visited Pizza Express



Beacon Nominations



Sasha, Gracie, Josie, Izzy and Isla shared with us their interest in origami. They explained the origins of origami and its history. We learnt about the good fortune, honour and loyalty you will receive if you manage to patiently fold 1000 paper cranes. Finally, the girls showed us some of the animal origami designs that were their favourites.



Poppy presented a fascinating Beacon about Captain Crozier who led an expedition through the Arctic Sea, where his ship became stuck in the ice and all aboard perished. It turned out that he was also a relative of Poppy's and that the film, *The Terror*, was made about him.



Tianlin presented an excellent Beacon on three types of fish she is considering getting as pets. She told us all about how big they are, what they look like and more amazing fun facts about them.



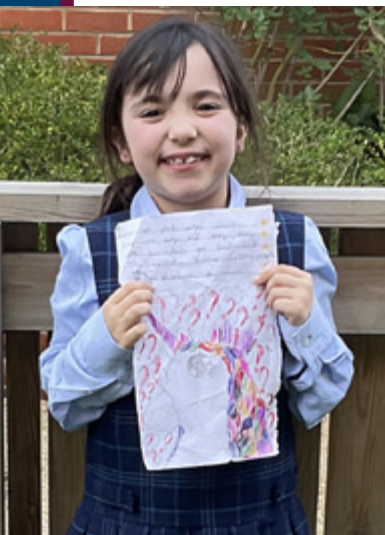
Juliette and Elsie gave us an impressive and highly informative presentation about the film industry. We learnt about Pixar, Disney, Illumination and 20th Century Fox and their contributions to the world of film. We learnt that one of the very first cartoon motion pictures was created in France by Emile Cohl. Did you know that the big Hollywood sign in Los Angeles used to say 'Hollywood Land'?



Josie presented a highly informative Beacon about cats and how to care for them, their favourite foods and which breed of cat was her favourite. We were in awe when she shared pictures of her own little fur babies with us.



Zara presented a fantastic Beacon to 4X all about plastic pollution. Zara told us how we can help reduce environmental damage for a more sustainable future.



Amelia has made a super Beacon all about horses.



Arha has made a very informative Beacon about seahorses.



Aria presented a Beacon about fossils. She enjoyed showing the class her fossil that she found.



Zara has completed an Art Beacon on an elephant.

Commendations

★ Alba ★ Ayana ★ Avyukta ★ Cristina ★ Grace ★ Maddy E ★ Lauren ★ Matilda ★ Milica ★ Phoebe ★ Radost ★ Violet ★

Over the half term, the Year 3 girls completed a Celtic Art Project. They did research on Celtic art, design and pattern and produced outstanding pieces of work. Each girl produced something different, unique and beautiful and we are extremely proud of their hard work. Here are 3Y and next week we will feature 3X.





Congratulations to our amazing Y6 scientists who entered this year's Imperial College Science and Innovation competition. The girls learned about and selected one of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and designed a scientific solution to help work towards achieving the goal. Each team had to make a video explaining their solution and the science behind it. Competition was fierce and there were thousands of entries this year and the girls should be incredibly proud of taking part and representing Tormead. Well done girls, we think your entries were awesome!



Year 3 and Year 5 girls worked together during Tormead Together time to create beautiful paper flowers. They had to be resilient, very patient and help each other.

School Notices

Year 3 Mini Drama Performances

Monday 4 March

Year 3 would like to warmly invite their families to watch them perform a series of fables and tales in the Prep School Hall.

Refreshments served at 2.15pm and the performances commence at 2.30pm.



We look forward to seeing many of you then!

ABRSM Exam Aural practice

All welcome

Girls are invited to attend aural practice sessions to help to prepare for their ABRSM practical exams. Sessions will be held with Mrs Vega in the Music Room at 8.00am on the following dates:

Friday 1 March

Monday 4 March

Parking and driving around Tormead

Please can we ask parents to be mindful when parking and driving during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE PAVEMENTS, SINGLE OR DOUBLE YELLOW LINES, CLOSE TO JUNCTIONS OR ACROSS DRIVEWAYS.

Please do not park over at the Senior School in the visitor spaces as the coaches are being blocked in and are unable to leave the site promptly.

Three-point turns are **EXTREMELY** dangerous outside the school when parents and children are walking on the pavements.

Please take advantage of the designated parking bays in the surrounding residential roads and walk to collect your daughter. There are plenty of spaces.

Frequently neighbours contact Prep to complain and we are saddened to hear that parents are parking and driving dangerously.

The safety of everyone in our community, as well as our neighbours, is paramount.

Thank you for your understanding.

End of day collection

If you are running late and have asked another parent to collect your daughter, please ensure you inform the school by emailing the Prep Office and cc in the class teacher. We will not be able to release your daughter unless we have prior notification from you as a parent.

Should you have advised the Prep Office of an ongoing collection arrangement we keep the details on file. You may wish to write daily collection details in your daughter's reading record/homework diary, if your daughter is likely to be unsure, but the Prep Office does not need to be advised unless these details change during the day.

Please use the email

HeadOfPrep@tormeadschool.org.uk

For all correspondence for Mrs Fry.

Please note the Prep Office telephone number is **01483 796073**.

Please note the Prep Office email address is **prep@tormeadschool.org.uk**

01483 575101 is the Senior School number.

Sesame Anaphylaxis

We have a pupil in the Prep School who has a severe allergy to sesame products. Many products that you might consider sending in as a healthy snack, such as tahini, hummus, crackers, bread sticks, cereal (health) bars, contain sesame seeds. In order to ensure that we reduce any risk of contact with the allergen please can we ask you to think about the healthy snacks you send in with your child each day.

As a reminder there is also a 'no nut' policy as we also have a number of pupils with a nut allergy.

Mrs Lucy Burrell, Health Care Lead



Prep Breakfast Club

Should you wish to use Prep Breakfast club please may we remind you that the club starts at 7.30am. Please note that admittance closes at 7.40am, after this time the girls will be eating in the Senior School Dining Room and there will be no one from Prep School to oversee the front door.



Pre-Prep Concert

Thursday 14 March 1.30pm

JCS Building

Parents to arrive at 1.15pm to sign in.

Performance starts at 1.30pm.

This concert is a celebration of all the hard work that Pre-Prep have done in their Music lessons at school. If your daughter would like to perform a solo on an instrument that she learns in or outside of school, please email Louisa Godfrey at:

lgodfrey@tormeadschool.org.uk

Tickets for the performance can be reserved by clicking on this [link](#)

Debating Club

for Y5 and Y6 will finish at 4.45pm for the rest of term.

Senior School Jazz & Pop Night

Monday 11 March 7.00pm

Senior School Hall

Prep Jazz Band performing.

Please refer to the Details for Performers letter sent out from Mrs Vega dated 22 February for more information.

Y6 Informal Concert

Wednesday 6 March 1.15pm

JCS Building

The girls from Year 6 will be performing in their Informal Music Concert.

Visitors attending the concert will need to sign in at the SENIOR School at 1.00pm. Please enter the gate on Cranley Road nearest the tennis courts and opposite the Year 6 gate where Prep staff will greet you and give you a visitor's badge.

Please note that it will not be possible to facilitate admittance after 1.15pm or for visitors to leave the concert early, as it is necessary for all visitors to sign out and be escorted from the grounds for safeguarding purposes. It is anticipated that the concert will finish by 3.00pm.

After the concert, pupils will return to the Prep School and be dismissed or go to clubs, at the usual time.

Please pre-register your attendance at the concert by clicking on this [link](#).

Art Competition

Thank you for all the wonderful artwork entries which have come into school this week. The judges will now be carefully looking through the submissions. The winners will be announced at the opening of the Tormead Prep Art Exhibition on Friday, 19 April.

Prep Spring Concert

Monday 18 March 6.30pm

Senior School Hall

Parents to arrive from 6.00pm.

Refreshments served from 6.00pm.

Performance starts at 6.30pm.

Please refer to the Details for Performers letter sent out from Mrs Vega dated 29 February for more information.

Tickets for the performance can be reserved by clicking on this [link](#)

Keller Charity Day

Friday 1 March

Keller will be holding a Charity Day to support **Born Free**. The Keller House Captains have organised several exciting activities during the day. All the girls are invited to dress up in anything that is 'animal related', for £1. Other activities include:



'Guess the Number' activity featuring endangered species - 50p



Pre-Prep - Colour the teddy competition - 50p



Prep - Design a habitat for a teddy competition - 50p

We thank you for your support

Key Dates for your Diary - Spring 2024

Monday 4 March

Y3 Mini Performance. Prep School Hall

Parents to arrive at 2.15pm to sign in

Performance starts at 2.30pm

Tuesday 5 March

Debating Club trip to Houses of Parliament

Wednesday 6 March

Y6 Prep Concert. JCS Building

Parents to arrive at 1.00pm to sign in

Performance starts at 1.15pm

Thursday 7 March

World Book Day

Friday 8 March

International Women's Day

Prep Open Morning

Monday 11 March

Y3 visit to Butser Farm.

Senior School Jazz Night.

Senior School Hall 7.00pm

Prep Jazz Band performing

Tuesday 12 March

Y6 visit to D-Day Museum, Portsmouth

Thursday 14 March

Y6 Residential Parent Meeting 8.30am

Prep School Hall

Pre-Prep Concert. JCS Building

Parents to arrive at 1.15pm to sign in

Performance starts at 1.30pm

Monday 18 March

Prep Spring Concert in Senior Hall

Refreshments served from 6.00pm

Performance starts at 6.30pm.

Tuesday 19 March

Reception Parents' Open Morning 8.30am

Wednesday 20 - Friday 22 March

Y5 Residential trip to Lodge Hill

Thursday 21 - Friday 22 March

Y4 Residential trip to Juniper Hall

Friday 22 March

Term ends at usual dismissal time

Reception 3.00pm, Y1 3.10pm Y2-6 3.40pm

Buses 4.00pm



Sport

This week has been exceptionally busy for our IAPS competitors. On Monday our U11A Netball team took part in the regional qualifier at Charterhouse. After a tough group stage the girls progressed to the Plate and stormed through their quarter final to reach the Plate semi-finals. Unfortunately, they lost this game and finished the tournament in 4th place of the Plate, a commendable achievement. Everyone played exceptionally well and every player scored at least one goal. Well done Jess, Gracie, Amelia, Amelie, Mimi, Erika and Alba, we are extremely proud of you.

The IAPS swimmers travelled to Cranmore on Wednesday to participate in the IAPS regional qualifiers. The girls swam exceptionally with especially strong performances from Evie, Erika and Jess. We will look forward to the results later in the term. Well done to the whole team: Erika, Jess, Emily, Ellie, Evie, Elodie, Sukhi, Georgie, Sophia M and Zara.

Well done to the U9 netballers who played at Rydes Hill on Tuesday and our U11s who played St. Hilary's on Wednesday.

Fixtures for the diary:

Monday 4 March

U11 & U10 Hockey v GHS (A) at Broadwater

Tuesday 5 March

U10 A and B v QE (H)

Wednesday 6 March

U10 A and B v St. Hilary's (H)

Friday 8 March

St. Catherine's U9 Netball Tournament
2.00pm

Rachel Kemp

Head of Prep School Sport




Easter Dance Camp

Dance Camp Monday 25th March 10-3pm
£50

if you would like to book your daughter on
please email

fbuckley@tormeadschool.org.uk



price includes Tshirt
design arts and crafts

Years 2-6

Location: Tormead



Gymnastics

Our U9 and U11 national gymnasts competed this weekend in the ISGA National Finals hosted at Tormead. The girls did an amazing job at both competing and supporting their teammates as well as helping out on the day.

The U9 team of Tianlin, Adia, Jemima, Lily, Lexi and Tihana had some strong competition and came seventh overall. In a category where three of the girls were competing against gymnasts one year older than them, they did a great job and I am excited to see what they achieve in the coming year.

The U11 team had a brilliant day. Gracie, Aimee, Sasha, Eva, Alba and Alice won the team and group titles, and Gracie won the individual cup. Aimee also made it into the top six individual, placing in 4th position.

Good luck to Evie, Grace, Zara, Georgina and Primrose in the U10 team who are competing in their ISGA national championships this Sunday.

Scott Patterson

Head of Prep & Senior Gymnastics



The Week Ahead

A copy of the Co-Curricular Clubs grid is available on the Parent Portal under the 'Co-curricular' tab. This includes times and collection points. Details and team sheets for all matches can be found at [Tormead Sport](#).

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Values



We treat everyone
with respect and
dignity

We deliver
academic
excellence

We enrich through
a broad and varied
curriculum

We celebrate
effort and
achievement

We bring out the
best in all our
girls

We prepare our
girls for life
beyond school